

Amendments to the Claims

1-23 (canceled).

24 (original). An extruded foam of a polylactic acid resin having lactic acid repeating units that are a mixture of L- and D- enantiomers, wherein the mixture of L- and D- enantiomers includes at least 4% of each enantiomer, and wherein the foam has a crystallinity of at least 10 J/g, as measured by differential scanning calorimetry.

25 (original). The extruded foam of claim 24, wherein the mixture of L- and D- enantiomers includes 86-95% of one enantiomer and 5-14% of the other enantiomer, and the crystallinity of the foam is about 13-24 J/g.

26 (new). The extruded foam of claim 25, which is prepared in a process that comprises forming a pressurized, molten mixture of the polylactide resin containing about 3 to about 15% by weight, based on the weight of the polylactide resin, of carbon dioxide, and extruding the molten mixture at an extrusion temperature through a die to a region of reduced pressure such that the carbon dioxide expands and the polylactide resin simultaneously cools to form a stable foam, and then heat treating the foam to induce crystallinity.

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